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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Hon. Paul D. Grant
Sheriff
Aiken County
County Courthouse
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Sheriff Grant:

Following our telephone conversation yesterday in which you requested the Code section that requires a police officer to have at least a high school education, I have attempted to call you several times but have been unable to reach you.

The only reference to a high school education contained in the Act which establishes the Police Academy is set forth in Section 53-45 of the S. C. Code Annotated (1971 Supplement). That section provides that all applicants for positions as police officers in the State must forward to the council established by the Act a certificate of graduation from a high school or an educational background equivalent to a high school education. Although it is not clear, the Act obviously intended that before any applicant could be hired, he must meet this qualification.

Please advise if I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hubbard W. McDonald, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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